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Querido hermano:

He aquí unos libros que podrías comprar para mí si los encontrases en una librería, en orden descendente de importancia (es decir, el primero es el que deseo más):

① The Summing Up, W. Somerset Maugham ($15.00)

② G. Mackey, The Mathematical Foundations of Quantum Mechanics ($15.00)

③ Fernando Orozco y Berra, La Guerra de Treinta años (but this one you're not likely to find) $3.00

④ Dictionary of the Royal Spanish Academy (Diccionario de la Lengua Española, de la Real Academia Española) (Preferably the most recent edition, but wouldn't have to be the most recent.) The most recent edition is 2 volumes; older editions

might have different No. (2) of volumes — don't buy unless you have all the volumes. New this dictionary would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of $70.00 — hopeless! But if you should find a used one, I'd go up to $20.00 for it.

Don't buy the Grammar of the Royal Spanish Academy — I already have that.

The prices written after the above books indicate the maximum price I'd be willing to pay for them. The maximum total I'd be willing to spend would be $30.00. I'm very reluctant to spend that much all at once on books, but the books mentioned might be difficult to get, so I'd hate to pass up the chance.

Bear in mind that the better book stores often have extensive used book sections, and that's where to look to get books cheap, or to find hard-to-get books.

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Pidiendo

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Translated

He acabado de leer (3)
el libro de Cabeza de
Vaca. Hazme saber
cuándo quieres que te lo
envíe.

Era interesante tu relato
sobre la oveja.

You wrote	should be
el nombre de cual	el nombre de la cual
se explica a su mismo	se explica a sí mismo
pediendo	pidiendo (pedir is radical-changing).
mas o menos veinte pasos	veinte pasos, poco más o menos
los ojos eran verde	los ojos eran verdes
a través una distancia	a través de una distancia.
cuero era cafés	probably should say pelo, since I assume the color of the hair, not the skin is referred to. I assume you mean el {cuero / pelo} era del color de café.

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Translation →

you wrote — should be — ④

me dí cuenta que — me dí cuenta de que

darse cuenta de que means more like "to realize". If you mean notice I think it's better to use advertir, notar, or observer

el sol naciendo — el sol naciente

present participles (like naciendo) are not used as pure adjectives.

no sé si la oveja fuera implantada — no sé si la oveja habíe sido implantada

no saber que is followed by subjunctive (fuera), but no saber si is followed by indicative;

Actually your use of fuera could perhaps be justified by recourse to a high-toned and fancy grammatical convention which equates the r-form of the past subjunctive with the pluperfect indicative (fuera = había sido, viniera = había venido, etc.) This is due to the fact that the r-form of the past subj. derives from the Latin pluperfect, so that the above convention amounts more or less to using Latin grammar.

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P.S. You say you get this sodium-free baking powder. I can't get it around here. Please get me some, if convenient. Since I may not get another chance to get any for a long time, get me about $10.00 worth, which of course I'll pay for. Thanks, Merry Christmas.

—Ted.

Did you get the Christmas package I sent you there in Texas? I sent it about Dec. 1,

P.S. How is Joel Schwarz Doing?

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